BannerMaker – A Banner Creation Program for Mac OS X

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This product will only work on Macintosh OS 10.1.5 or later systems as Apple did not provide a way to display a banner on previous operating systems.

The product can be downloaded from the following web site:

http://irm.cit.nih.gov/policy/warnbanners.html

It is advised that you use the approved NIH Warning Banner text from the web site above. However, if you need to include other warning text, the program is designed so that you can place any text as the warning banner.

To install a banner on your system:

1. Login to the computer with an account that has Administrative privileges. You do not need to enable the Root account – in fact, it is advised that you do not enable the Root account. Most commands that require Root privileges can be executed from an account that has Administrative privileges by preceding the command with the sudo (**s**uper **u**ser **do**) command.

2. Copy the warning banner text you would like to use to the clipboard.

3. Run the BannerMaker program

4. From the main window (Figure 1), paste the warning text into the program. Format the text alignment as needed.
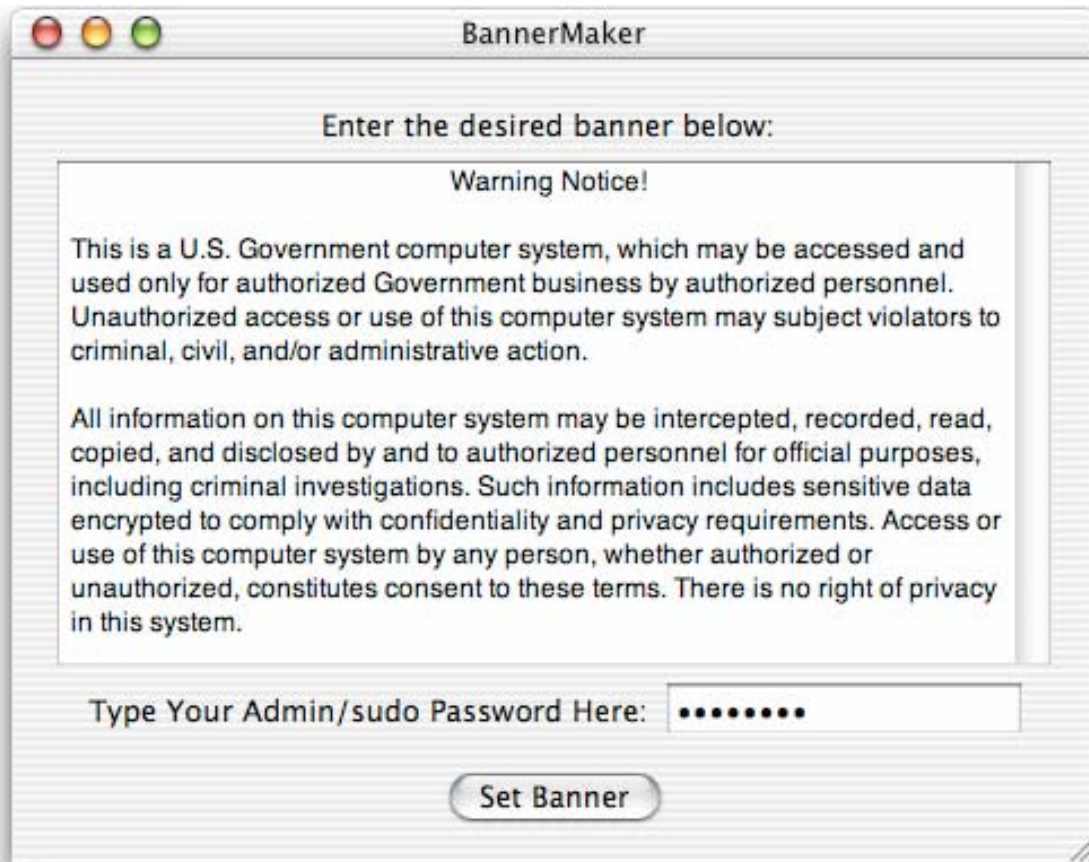

Figure 1 BannerMaker Main Window

5. Type in the password of the currently logged in Administrative user.

6. Click on the Set Banner button.

7. When the banner has been copied, you will receive a message (Figure 2) that the banner has been set. Click on the OK button

Figure 2 BannerMaker Status Message

8. Restart the computer to see the changes.

NOTE: If the computer is configured to automatically login with a specific account, you will not see the warning banner. It is only displayed in the login window – either the Pick List or Manual Entry modes.